

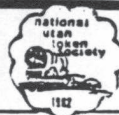


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There will be lots of good stuff at the September meeting raffle, including (I think) a Mexican gold piece.

Next Meeting

The next club meeting will be held September 22 at 7:15 P.M., at the Redwood Multi Purpose Center, 3100 South, Redwood Road. The speaker will be Pat Hearty. He will talk on the Pony Express.

Token Hunter Notes

We have again included in this issue a portion of the Davich Papers. Many readers have reaffirmed their interest in these notes and we will continue to include them as long as there is interest. Also, this month we have included two articles about towns from which many club members have tokens in their collections - Nephi and Helper. We thank those who have provided these articles to the editor. Further, we have some notes on finds made by some of the treasure hunting members of the club. And, for the first time ever (I think) notice of a robbery. Hope you enjoy this issue.

P.S. No room in this issue for a follow-up on the Spring Canyon check, but look for one next issue.

Local Pair Robs Goldfield, Nevada

Approximately 390 from Salt Lake City, Utah

Dirt was flying on Labor Day weekend at Goldfield, Nevada. The team of Larry James and Bill Turpela were acting like human bulldozers, moving and sifting dirt - lots of dirt! It paid off. Twenty-one coins and tokens. a 1911 Nevada hunting license, and elks medallion, bottles, stoppers, marbles, and 5 pounds of dirt on each guy.

We had a visit from Glen and Robin Sidwell from Reno. They are both doing fine and Glen is about to start looking again. He ordered a screen.

Joe Martin from Vegas may have found two of the best pieces. A celluloid token from THE TEXAS BAR (Goldfield, Nev.). These celluloid pieces are mostly pretty rare, just try to find one with a metal detector. He also found a Brothel token, THE DEN/2 1/2 with George Washington on it. I don't think he was the madam, though. Nevertheless, a very unusual piece.

Richard Horne (Vegas) found a half dozen pieces. Total, 36 pieces as follows: 4 V-Nickels, 5 Indian Head Pennies, 1 Barber Quarter, 7 Barber Dimes, 19 Tokens, of which 14 were different.

I did alright myself, by using the Campbell-way. I went to town buying and trading for tokens and didn't even get dirty. We all plan to go back early in November or late in October. The Vegas team of Martin and Nutting would like to challenge Turpela and James.

See You There, John Nutting

President's Message

We had a great time at the club picnic last month. I think everyone went through the food line more than once. I did 5 times or so.

This month's speaker will be Pat Hearty. He will talk about the Pony Express. He will describe its history and talk about whether we can go hunt for coins and tokens at Pony Express-related sites. He is former President of the National Pony Express Association and collects coins and medals which have to do with the Pony Express. He will also talk about how to get involved with the Pony Express organization which sponsors the re-ride of the Pony Express Trail that is held each year.

Somewhere in this news letter you will find a form to exhibit at the upcoming U.N.S. Coin Show. I am the exhibit chairman and I know there are several NUTS members who need to show off their collections. Our club has been well represented in years past and many U.N.S. trophies have been won by members of our club.

See you at the meeting (bring a friend),

Bob

Bill's Bull

We had a good turnout at our club picnic. I'm sorry for not putting out a sign to show what exit to take. I know a few out of the Valley missed it.

Well, I told John Nutting that I would write about our neat trip to Nevada. so here goes. (But first, I've got to tell about the trip before Nevada. The day after the club picnic Larry, Sid, and I went to our favorite ghost town - Frisco. It took over a year, but we found a token that we've been wanting to hold in our hands, A Brick Saloon piece in great shape, along with two SLC tokens, an 1868 shield nickel, an Indian Head penny, a silver dime, and a few marbles and bottles. By the way, the Brick Token is for sale, if the price is right. Enough on the Frisco trip, on to Nevada.)

We went to Nevada the afternoon of September 4th. I should say who. Larry, Rich Horne, and I. We met John the next morning, also Joe, and Mark. Then, we started doing what we have been enjoying doing - finding tokens and coins. To say we had a good trip would be an understatement. It was hot, dry, and dirty, but just what we were looking for was there. I'm not sure of the total count, because John, Joe, and Mark were still going at it when we went home. (Before I tell what I know was found, I want to mention that some good friends of mine showed up - Glen and Robin from Reno. We enjoyed seeing them and talking with them again. Hope to do it again soon. Please keep in touch.) On to the finds - 19 tokens, most out of Nevada, 1 quarter, 7 Barber dimes, 5 Indian Head Pennies, 3 V-Nickels. A 1911 Nevada fishing and hunting license out of Nevada, a few marbles, and alot of bottles, etc.

Better say so long for now,
Happy detecting or screening, Bill

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COMING OF THE RAILROAD TO JUAB VALLEY

On May 10, 1869, the East and West were linked together by rail at Promontory Point. Soon after, the road was extended south from Ogden to Salt Lake and from Salt Lake south by the Utah Railroad Company. By February 2, 1875, the railroad had reached Juab Valley at York, about fifteen miles north of Nephi. This event marked the end of the pioneer period in Juab Valley and the start of a new era in which the valley would become a great wool center for all of Southern Utah and many new industries would get their start.

It was ten years before the railroad was extended to Nephi. During this time York became a booming area. Before the coming of the railroad it had been unsettled, but after it became the terminus, a number of homes were built, some railroad employees living there as well as others. During the time hundreds of loads of produce were hauled to and from Nephi.

Daily trains arrived at York, carrying freight, passengers and mail. Every day Henry Goldsborough, Sr. met the train with his "hack" to take the mail to and carry it from the train and also to bring passengers to Nephi to stay at his hotel. There were also many others who hauled freight during this time. While York was the terminal of the railroad, it was a lively western railroad frontier, with something always happening.

On Saturday, May 3, 1879, the Utah Southern railroad came to Nephi. Bishop Thos. H.G. Parkes gave this following account in his journal.

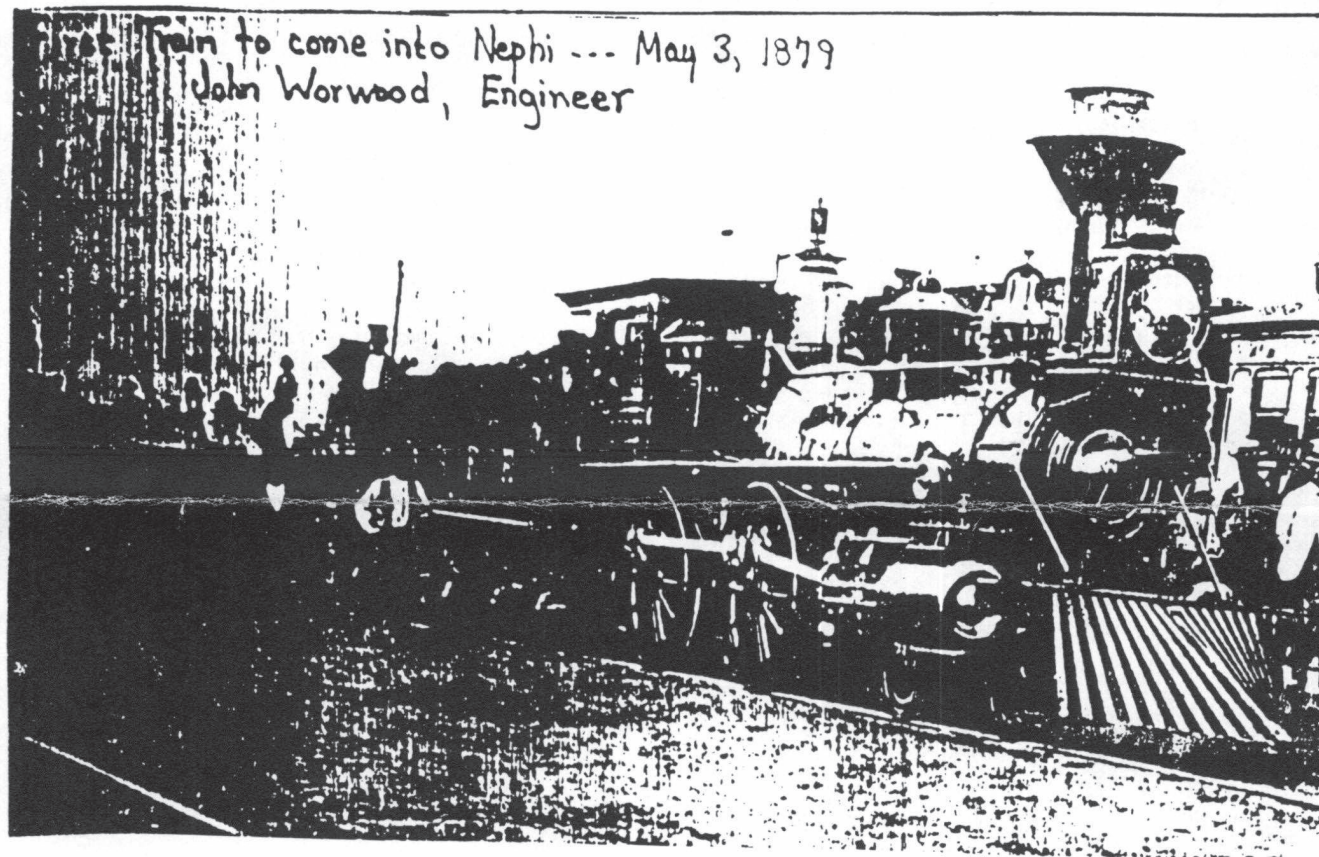
"On Saturday, May 3, 1879, the whistle of the first steam engine was heard in Nephi at 6:30 a.m. and on Monday, May 21st, the first train was run up to the depot. School children and women got on and rode down to Brother Charles Sperry's and back. The band was there also."

The people were thrilled with the thought that Nephi could boast of a train coming to their town daily, and they looked forward to the experience of riding in a railroad car.

The line was soon extended to Chicken Creek or Juab as it was rechristened. This became the southern terminal until 1889 when the line of Central Utah was extended to Milford and to Frisco to haul ore from the Horn Silver Mine, but for all intents and purposes Nephi became the business center.

This line was joined on the north by the Utah Central at Provo and the Utah Northern at Salt Lake. These three Utah lines connected with the Union Pacific Railroad in Northern Utah.

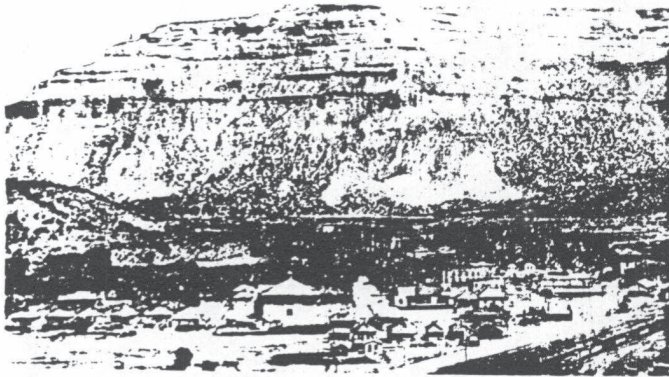
The Sanpete Valley Railroad was built in 1880, running from Vales, Sanpete County, to Nephi. It was built by an English Company for the purpose of hauling coal from its mines. This line later went into the hands of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Company. Thus, with two railroads, Nephi was in an enviable position.



Today one hears many of the old timers say, "If the railroad had just stayed in Nephi this would be a big city now." Of course this is only speculation. but there is probably a lot of truth in it. Just when Nephi was on the threshold of her greatest development the Union Pacific railroad bought the Utah Northern, Utah Central, and Utah Southern lines and built on south and west to California. In the early 1900's they moved the main line from Nephi and Juab Valley farther west via Lynndyl and Delta and left Nephi stranded with only a branch line. The Denver and Rio Grande bypassed Nephi, building their main line up Spanish Fork Canyon. The great developments suddenly became only dreams, the boom gradually subsided as some of the families moved away to other settlements. Thus, Nephi became a farming community again.

A History of Helper, Utah

'Some of the highlights of a speech given by Reggie Williams, road foreman of equipment, Utah Division, at the Helper Vets' Banquet are as follows.—Ed.)



BIRD'S EYE VIEW of Helper from an old post card dated in 1916.

Helper, the Hub of Carbon County, is the railroad center and trading point for many mines with a radius of 40 miles. It was so named because at this point a helper engine was added to trains to assist them up the heavy grade to Soldier Summit.

A settlement in the vicinity of Helper, located slightly to the southeast, was called Ewell. With the growth of the railroad and the building of additional railroad facilities, it was seen that this city would occupy an important place in the industrial life of this section. Many favored naming the town Welby in honor of the superintendent of the D&RG, but Mr. Welby favored Helper for the above reason. In 1892 the town of Helper was established out of the northern part of Ewell precinct. The Helper School District and the Helper Road District were established by the order of Carbon County Commissioners.

Before a station was built, a spur from the main line, which was narrow gauge at the time, was laid and a box car designated it as Pratt's Siding. In 1890 the railroad was standard gauged, a new depot, a hotel for trainmen, a coal chute, a roundhouse and an oil house were all constructed by 1892. The top floor of the depot served as a library and billiard hall. These recreation facilities were used by the trainmen until 1906 when the railroad YMCA built their facilities. The YMCA served as quarters for the division officers of the railroad for more than 20 years.

The first residence is reputed to have been built by Taylor Wilson. The first school house was used for six months and was located near where the Helper Central School is now. The Helper Central School, a commodious brick building, was built in 1909 and housed the eight elementary grades. In 1936 a Junior High School was built on the upper townsite.

Among the early personalities who helped build Helper was Tom, the Chinaman. Old-timers say that he was at one time mayor of Hong Kong, saved the town from a dire plot the nature of which has been lost in the hazy past. Another was J. Tom Fitch, an engineer on the narrow gauge, who was a permanent fixture for many years and erected the first two-story house in Helper. Tom took a very active part in civic affairs.

Helper's town government extends over 65 years. Helper Townsite was incorporated in October, 1907. Officers at the time were J. Tom Fitch, president of the town board, and members W. C. Broker, J. H. Harrison, Steve Gianotti and Louis Lowenstein. Many railroaders carved their niche in Helper's guidance: F. R. Porter, George

Spratling, D. K. Downey, Frank Mullins, Luca Cormani, Elmer Parker, and Ed Casey, just to mention a few.

One of the interesting sidelights of those early days was related by Grandma McCoombs — a visit to her restaurant by "Gun Play" Clarence L. Maxwell, ringleader of a bandit trio. After robbing the Castle Gate Mine office and the Wasatch Store, they came to her place and ordered breakfast. While waiting to be served, they dumped all the silver from the loot on the floor, concerning themselves only with the currency. They left after finishing their breakfast and were never apprehended.

"Grandma" also stated that had not J. B. Millburn asked such an exorbitant amount for his holdings, the Carbon County Court House would now be in Helper.

The first commercial building was the Broken Dollar Store, forerunner of the five and dime. It was the first place a person could spend less than a dollar. The Double Rock and the Try Me Saloon were former landmarks.

The D&RG built the railroad chapel which was used as an all-purpose community house for many years. By the mid-thirties, Helper could point with pride to its beautiful chapels.

Helper was changed from a town to a third class city in 1919. The city evidenced a phenomenal growth largely due to moving the railroad terminal from Soldier Summit to Helper. In 1930 the old roundhouse was abandoned and a modern engine terminal built. During World War II, Helper was one of the busiest centers of its size in the country. Thanks to the Rio Grande employees and their know-how the Rio Grande kept traffic moving and the railroad prospered.

Twenty-six nationalities contribute to the cosmopolitan aspect of Helper's varied population. A population that might be considered "foreign" by some, but to Helper they are good citizens with hearts full of love and minds full of understanding.

Who am I?

I am more powerful than the combined armies of the world.

I have destroyed more men than all the wars of the nations.

I am more deadly than bullets. I have wrecked more homes than the mightiest guns.

In the United States alone, I steal more than \$500,000,000 each year.

I spare no one. I find my victims among the rich and the poor, the young and the old, the strong and the weak, widows and orphans.

I cast my shadow over every field of labor, from the turning of every grinding wheel to the moving of every railroad train.

I massacre thousands of wage earners each year.

I lurk in unseen places. I do most of my work silently. You are warned against me, but you heed not.

I am relentless.

I am everywhere - - in the home, on the streets, in the factory, at railroad crossings, and on the sea.

I bring sickness, degradation and death. Yet, few avoid me.

I destroy, crush and maim. I give nothing. I take all.

I am your worst enemy.

I am carelessness.

(Courtesy of ICG R.R.)

The Davich Papers - Installment VIII

NAME: _ CROOKS, J.C. _ Park City Utah

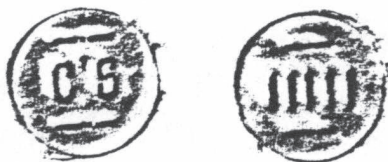
DESCRIPTION of token, in collection.

OBVERSE:.....C'S in the center, with a dash-dot.dash above and below the lettering of C's. Plain border.

REVERSE:.....IIIIII appears in the center, with dash-dot.dash- above and below the numbers of IIIII . Plain border.

Token is 21MM in size, and of brass metal.

COMMENTS: A most unusual and unique way of placing a face value on such a token.



NAME: _ CROOKS, J.C. Park City Utah Page 1

REFERENCE: Mercantile Agency Book HF 5573-D7(Folio) now published as Dunn and Bardstreet Book(Photo copies from Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

CROOKS, J.C.....Saloon for the following years:...1907.....1910.....1911.....1912.. 1913.....1914....1915...1916...1917.

CROOKS, J.C.....Confectionary & Billiards.....for 1918.

REFERENCE: Utah State Gazetters(Zerox copies of the Park City Merchants)
1908-1909

CROOKS, Jacob C.....Saloon for 1912-13.....1914-15.....1916-1917(see add for this year)
230 Main

CROOKS, Jacob C.....Pocket Billiards:.....for 1918-1919.

REFERENCE: Park City Recorder Book #4(from 1904 to 1908)

CROOKS, Jacob...issued a retail liquor license on 11-16-1907.

REFERENCE: Park City Recorder Book #5(from 1-15-1908 to August 4, 1910)

CROOKS, Jacob issued a retail liquor license on the following dates:.....
8-6-1908.....1-7-1909.....10-7-1909.....4-9-1910.....7-7-1910.

REFERENCE: Park City Recorder Book #6(from 1910 to 1914)

CROOKS, Jacob..Issued a retail liquor license on 10-6-1910...1-5-1911..
6-15-1911....10-5-1911....1-2-1913....9-18-1913...

REFERENCE:Park City Recorder Book #7(from January 5,1914 to January 7, 1918)

CROOKS, J.C.....issued a retail liquor license on :...9-21-1916.....10-5-1916.

REFERENCE: Park City Recorder Book #8(from January 1918 to January 1930)

CROOKS, J.C. granted a license to operate a Lunch Counter

NAME: _ CROOKS, J.C. _

...Park City Utah. Page 3.

REFERENCE: Utah State Gazetteer, listing os Saloons in each town of Utah.

CROOKS, J.C.....Saloon....for 1908-09.....1912-13.....1914-15.....1916-17.

REFERENCE: Utah State Gazetteer, listing of Billiard & Pocket Billiard Halls, in each town of Utah.

CROOKS, J.C.....for 1918-19.

REFERENCE: R.G. DUN BUSINESS DIRECTORY FOR UTAH.(listings for 1913 only)
Have zerox copy on file.

J.C.CROOKS, listed as a Saloon for 1913

REFERENCE: Park City Treasurer Receipt & Disbursement Book(from 1910 to 1923)

J.C. CROOKS, issued a retail liquor license on the following dates:

March 1910=\$150.00.....June 1910=\$150.00.....September 1910=\$150.00...

December 1910=\$300.00.....March 1911=\$300.00.....June 1911=\$300.00.....

September 1911=\$250.00.....December 1911=\$250.00.

Also issued a retail liquor license on the following dates: Cost being \$250.00 per quarter.

March 1912....June 1912.....September 1912.....December 1912...March 1913.....

June 1913.....September 1913.....December 1913.....March 1914.....June 1914.....

September 1914.....January 1915....March 1915....June 1915...September 1915.....

December 31, 1915.....3-31-1916.....6-30-1916.....9-30-1916.... 12-30-1916.

The cost of license issued on 3-31-1917 was \$333.35.

Issued the following license, after Prohibition, which was in August 1917.

8-8-1917=\$10.00.....11-30-1917=\$14.00.....2-1-1918....3-30-1918=\$19.00.

REFERENCE: Park City Treasurer Receipt & Disbursement Book(from 1924 to 1936)

J.C. CROOKS, issued a merchant license on October 1927 and 7-11-1928, cost being \$5.00 per quarter.

NAME: CROOKS, J.C. Park City Utah. Page 2.

REFERENCE: Park City Receipt & License Book (from 1903 to 1909, & 1910 to 1923).

CROOKS, J.C. (Jacob) ..issued a retail liquor license for the following years:
1907...1908...1909...1910...1911...1912...1913...1914...1915...1916...1917...

REFERENCE: Park City Receipt & Disbursement Book (from 1910 to 1923)

CROOKS, J.C.Issued a Soft Drink license for the following years: ...1917...1918.

REFERENCE: Park City Telephone Directory.

CROOKS, J.C.Saloon....for 1915....1916...1917.

CROOKS, J.C.Pool Hall...for 1917....1918.

REFERENCE: PARK CITY WATER WORKS: (Bill & Collection Register Book starting in 1913)

CROOKS, J.C.1913...CROOKS, J.C. ...Saloon for 1914....CROOKS, J.C. ...Saloon for 1915..
CROOKS, J.C. ...Saloon for 1916.....CROOKS, J.C.Saloon for 1917...
CROOKS, J.C. Pool Hall...for 1918.....CROOKS, J.C. at 230 Main (vacant for 1919-1920)
CROOKS, J.C. at 230 Main, vacant for 1921-1922.....CROOKS, J.C. ...230 Main, Pool Hall
for 1923.....

SPECIAL NOTE: In 1925, the building at 230 Main, shows that the owner was Anderson & Carlson. Also Anderson & Carlson owned the business at 226 Main, with the tenant being Brandy Zurlo.

CROOKS, J.C.listed as owner and operating the Crooks lunch counter at 210 Main Street.
In 1928, the address of 210 Main, was occupied as a Barber Shop.
In 1931-32, J.C. Crooks occupied one half of 210 Main, the other half being a Barber Shop.
In 1933-34, J.C. Crooks occupied the building at 210 Main Street. (no business listed.)
In 1935-36 J.C. Crooks occupied the building at 210 Main Street. (no business listed)

REFERENCE: R.G. DUN & CO. BUSINESS DIRECTORY, LISTING OF ALL TOWNS IN UTAH
FOR YEAR OF 1913 only.

JAMES CROOKS....listed as Saloon for 1913

NAME: J.C. CROOKS.....Park City Utah.

SPECIAL NOTATION: In the Park City Recorders Book #6 (from 1910 to 1914)
the following notation is found. On January 18, 1912 the City council set forth
an ordinance which set the retail liquor license, at \$1,000.00 per annum.
The wholesale liquor license would be \$400.00 per annum

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